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SUBJECT: ROMANIA THINKING ON GLOBAL PEACE OPERATIONS  
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REF: A. 2006 STATE 121375  
[1](#)B. 2005 STATE 111757

Classified By: Political Counselor Ted Tanoue; Reasons 1.4(a), (b) and (d).

[1](#)1. (C) DATT, ODC, and POLMILOFF met with MOD State Secretary Claudiu Degeratu on September 26, at his invitation to discuss Romanian interest in the Global Peace Operations Initiative (GPOI). Also present were J7 Brig. General Tabarcia, Col. Popescu, Arina Danila from the Defense Integrated Planning Directorate, Sebastian Huluban and Iuliana Ionescu from the International Military Cooperation Directorate. The MOD had been looking at ways to participate in the GPOI (ref a), and has sent a letter to the Romanian Foreign Ministry conveying MOD's interest. (Note: an MFA response is pending. End note.) Meanwhile MOD and General Staff has prepared a priority list of proposed Romanian projects within GPOI that they vetted with Emboffs.

[1](#)2. (C) General Tarbarcia shared his list of priority Training Activities (see Para 4 below). POLMILOFF reviewed the background and goals for the GPOI (reftels) and noted that the limited amount of funding available would suggest that we look for ways to maximize the benefits under the initiative so that activities enhance overall capabilities in addition to peacekeeping/support operations. By focusing on building a strong GPOI foundation, particularly in the areas where Romania was already engaged (Iraq and Afghanistan, more than Western Balkans), US-Romanian collaboration would be enhanced as well as increase Romania's peace support capabilities. ODC reviewed with General Tarbarcia activities underway and potential areas for further support of Romanian priority training needs, noting that sharing such information will help the US be more responsive to Romania. Degeratu noted that Romania J7 will work with ODC to identify areas of common interest that would be a consolidated list of Romanian training priorities. He also said that J3, J6 and Land Forces G6 would work to develop a GPOI proposal for developing specialized capabilities in the areas of communication interoperability, as the most concrete and immediate way to increase Romania's capacity to participate in peace operations.

[1](#)3. (C) Comment: The GPOI dearche helped Romania to begin focusing more intently upon training priorities. Sharing these priorities also will help Embassy to work more effectively with the Romanians on development and transformation of their military, while deepening US-Romanian defense collaboration. The upcoming US-Romanian Joint Staff discussion will help build on Romanian interest in using GPOI to build capacity, including in the critical area of field communications and other C4I enhancements. These areas are

not only vital to increasing capacity in peace support operations (especially important for Special Forces), but also will help steer the Romanians towards improving efficiencies and capabilities overall. End comment.

¶4. (C) Romanian List of Priority Training Activities (in descending order):

- ¶1. Exercises with Special Operations Forces.
- ¶2. Training for 4 Infantry Battalion modules before introduction in Theater of Operations (2xOIF; 2xISAF).
- ¶3. Participation at Certification Exercise (Italy/Germany) for NRF 9-10.
- ¶4. Training for Explosive Ordnance Disposal Module.
- ¶5. Training of an amphibious assault landing Coy in PSO.
- ¶6. Special Training Program for 22 HUMINT teams plus C2 and support elements (Iraq, Afghanistan, W. Balkans).
- ¶7. Training for one module Operations Support Element (PSYOPS).
- ¶8. Training for 5-10 specialists in US Forces Transportation School.
- ¶9. Participation with Battalion from operational reserve at annual SACEUR exercise.
- ¶10. SEEBRIG Training Level Maintenance.
- ¶11. Training C-130 crew.
- ¶12. EOD group training (aboard US ships in PSO).
- ¶13. Training at brigade level for Operation Support Element/PSYOPS through simulation exercise.
- ¶14. Training for 5-10 military personnel on load/unload air transportation.
- ¶15. Forward Air Controller Training.
- ¶16. Training for IAR 330 L (Puma helicopter) crew.
- ¶17. Staff Training PSO HQ and PSO logistics.
- ¶18. Special Forces Medical Specialist Training.
- ¶19. Transportation Terminals Operations.
- ¶20. Training for 3 IAR 330 SOCAT (Puma upgrade) crew.

End List.  
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